



"IS HE IN HIS RIGHT MIND?"

This is the Question Asked by The State, an Influential Southern Paper.

Among the many editorials commenting on the Roosevelt message bearing the editor of the New York World is the one appended, the words of the Columbia (South Carolina) State, which expresses the sentiment of a large number of the leading newspapers in the United States.

The State says, in part:

"A short week ago President Roosevelt discharged his batteries against a thunderous broadside of lies against Mr. Delavan Smith, of the Indianapolis News, and Mr. Lattan, of the New York Sun, for their references to the Panama Canal deal. Yesterday, without having made amends to those prominent Americans for vicious and extraordinary denunciation, President Roosevelt sent a message to Congress assailing Joseph Pulitzer, of the New York World, and charging him in unmeasured language with responsibility for the 'libels,' 'slanders' and 'lies.' He announces that the Attorney-General of the United States has been instructed to bring, in the name of the Government, proceedings for libel against Joseph Pulitzer, who is declared to be a 'villifier of the American people,' a man 'who wantonly and wickedly and without any shadow of justification seeks to blacken the character of reputable private citizens and to convict the Government of his own country in the eyes of the civilized world of wrongdoing of the basest and foulest kind.' We need not 'concern ourselves,' says President Roosevelt, 'with the particular individual who wrote the lying and libelous editorials—the real offender is Mr. Pulitzer, editor of The World.'

"After studying his message, members of the Congress will be excused if they ask themselves, 'Is the President of the United States in his right mind?' If sane, Mr. Roosevelt is the most interesting individual in the world.

"Fortunately for Mr. Joseph Pulitzer and more fortunately for the American people, the Constitution of the United States grants perpetual freedom to the press and the wise men who drafted that instrument doubtless had in mind just such contingencies where the press would need constitutional protection in its efforts to expose corruption and to escape the wrath of would-be dictators of tyrannous disposition.

"The World has not attacked the United States Government, but if it had the Government is not immaculate, and it will never be above criticism. Its treatment of Columbia was scandalous; its barbarities in the Philippines, defended by Mr. Roosevelt, are a stretch in the nostrils of civilization; it has had postoffice scandals; and the bed rock upon which Mr. Roosevelt's party rests is the theft from the many for the aggrandizement of the few. But how absurd sounds President Roosevelt's defense of the American Government, when his words alleging criminality against Congressmen are yet the sensation of the hour.

"The President's action in directing that the Government bring criminal proceedings against Joseph Pulitzer because The World two months ago alleged there was something exceedingly fishy in the Panama Canal purchase, and demanded a revelation of transactions heretofore concealed from the public, will be worth not less than a million dollars to the New York newspaper, and will make Mr. Roosevelt ridiculous, at home and abroad.

"Mr. Roosevelt says it is no concern of the Government who constituted the personnel of the New Panama Canal Company; that he and his associates did what Congress ordered and the French courts decreed. Every student of the situation will differ from the President. Whether or not the assumption of undue influence in the Panama Canal deal is true, it makes a difference who constituted the interested French Company. If Americans hold that stock, and if they had the power to influence Congressmen and Cabinet officers to turn from Nicaragua to Panama, the people have much concern in that fact as they have in Mr. Archbold's influence upon legislation through 'certificates of deposit.'

An Unfortunate Accident.

Samuel, the twelve-year-old son of R. D. Gregory, of State College, met with an unfortunate accident. He was watching the men thresh out grain when a sudden gust of wind caught the heavy barn door. It was wrenched from the hinges and fell to the ground pinning the lad under it, breaking one of his legs and severely injuring him internally. Samuel had just recovered from an accident which happened last fall when an iron pin was driven through his body.

From Iowa.

Mrs. William Bressler, who with her husband and children went to Iowa about a year ago, writes thus from Nevada, Iowa:

"We moved from Colo, this state, to near Nevada, my husband having secured employment with a Swede named Jack Jacobson. The Swedes, by the way, are exceptionally industrious and are among the best citizens in Iowa.

Last year Will worked for his brother, Frank Bressler, who had sale on the 19th, and intends moving to Minnesota where he bought a farm. There are sales every day in this section this season of the year, and stock is selling high. Some cows bring as much as \$100.

I wish all the people in Pennsylvania a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Loganton National Bank.

The establishment of a national bank in Loganton is assured. The directors are: T. H. Harter, H. A. Meyer, E. M. DeLong, G. S. Boone, J. A. Schreckengast, G. O. Klepper, E. E. Dooty, A. S. Greninger, W. A. Morris, E. A. Schwenck and E. E. Meyer. The directors selected the following officers: President, T. R. Harter; vice president, Guy S. Boone; cashier, W. A. Morris; solicitor, R. B. McCormick, Esq.

In this issue appears the program for the week of prayer beginning Monday, January 5th.

Capitol Grifters.

For calling putty mahogany and a lot of minor offenses four capitol grifters were sentenced to the penitentiary for a period of two years, and fined \$500 each.

These grifters—Sanderson, Shoemaker, Snyder and Matthews—would have gone free had the people believed Governor Penypacker, who said there was nothing to investigate and got mad every time he saw the word "graft" in print; and Attorney General Carson, after writing several letters of inquiry, seconded Penny's motion that everything was o. k. The jury said guilty; sentence was imposed, and the grifters should be escorted to the pen.

Rev. Shultz Called.

The Pine Grove Mills Lutheran charge extended a call to Rev. Shultz, of Johnstown, to become its pastor. The election was conducted by Rev. C. T. Aikens, a former pastor. The call will likely be accepted, Rev. Shultz having filled the three appointments on the charge recently.

No Paper Next Week.

It is the custom with all newspapers in Centre county to omit an issue during the holiday season, and the Centre Reporter has selected December 31st as the date on which it will not issue. With today's issue the readers have had during the present year fifty-one issues.

Farm Sold Near Penn Hall.

The farm belonging to the estate of the late Elizabeth Burrell, near Penn Hall, was sold by the administrator, J. S. Meyer, to James Houser for \$2510.

LOCALS.

Miss Anna Steele will complete the term of school for Miss Roxie Keller at Centre Furnace.

After an absence from Pine Grove Mills for forty years, James W. Larimer is back to talk to old friends.

Send the Reporter to your friends. It will be appreciated by all who have a local interest in Centre county.

Rev. Daniel Gress and daughter Margaret, Monday went to Adamsburg, the former home of Rev. Gress.

It looks as though the condemned turnpikes in Centre and other counties would fall an inheritance to the county commissioners to keep in repair.

D. F. Luse, of the Luse Manufacturing Company, met with good success at Altoona during the sessions of the State Grange in selling corn sorters.

And then there are folks in the world who are never happy unless they are discussing the frailties of their neighbors. They haven't much else to do.

County Commissioner John G. Bailey had a stroke of paralysis Thursday night while in Lock Haven, which affected the entire left side. He is now somewhat improved and was taken to his home in Pine Grove Mills Saturday afternoon.

The condition of George W. Sweeney, who is suffering from paralysis, is slightly improved, and last week was removed to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Newton Yarnell, near Linden Hall. Mrs. Andrew Gregg, of Scranton, who was at the bedside of her father for a week or more, returned home this week.

The following is reprinted from the Watchman: A story has reached Bellefonte that "Brack" Powell, (colored) who has figured in more than one scrape in Bellefonte, was recently sent to the Ohio penitentiary for six years for sandbagging and robbing a man at Youngstown, Ohio, and that Fred Waltz, also a native of Bellefonte, is in the Youngstown jail charged with murder.

It is Arthur G. Cumings and not William H. Cumings who will succeed E. C. Harter as tenant on the Bitner farm, west of Old Fort. Mr. Cumings at present lives at Colyer, and will just begin farming, furnishing his own stock. His brother, William H., is tenant on the Bitner farm formerly tilled by John Frazier, deceased, and, of course, will remain there. He now fully believes that the Reporter is well read, because he was hailed on the subject of moving to the adjoining farm many times since the error on the part of the Reporter was made.

A letter received by acquaintances here from Henry Dasher, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, is to the effect that he is very much a sufferer from rheumatism, and is able to get about but little at times. Mrs. Dasher, nee Miss Sarah Arney, is in her usual health. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dasher are well known here, having moved to Michigan from this place about thirty-six years ago. For many years Mr. Dasher was a salesman of farm machinery, and traveled extensively through the western states. He writes that he has become quite lusty, weighing at present over two hundred pounds.

Real Estate Sales at Pine Grove.

Just now there is a boom in real estate in Pine Grove Mills. William Dale, of near Pleasant Gap, bought the J. B. Heberling corner for \$4000, and will take possession April 1st, 1909. Messrs. Tate and Markle succeed Mr. Heberling in the furniture and undertaking business. J. H. Ward sold his home on Water street to A. J. Tate, at near the \$1800 mark. Mr. Ward will move to Treverton. It was reported that J. G. Bailey had bought the McWilliams property, but as yet it is not confirmed. Simon Ward is offering his new home for sale, as he wishes to locate at State College. Several parties are dickering for the flouring mill.

Altoona Has a Fire.

The Altoona High School building was damaged to the extent of from \$15,000 to \$25,000 by fire Friday. The greatest damage was done in the auditorium, in which the State Grange recently held their sessions. The cause of the fire was due to a fault in the heating plant. The seven hundred school children marched from the building all presuming that they were practicing a fire drill, and it was not until all were standing out in the rain that they realized what had happened.

Progress Grange Officers.

Progress Grange elected officers at a regular meeting held Saturday afternoon. The installation will take place the first Saturday in January.

The officers are: Master, Florence Rhone; Overseer, Bigler Shaffer; Lecturer, W. A. Kripe; Steward, Harry Dinges; Asst. Steward, Paul Shaffer; Chaplain, Mrs. John Conley; Treasurer, George Glingrich; Secretary, Chas. Keller; Gatekeeper, Richard Brooks; Ceres, Annie Bible; Pomona, Annie Durst; Flora, Estle Moore; Lady Asst. Steward, Mrs. Victor Auman; Insurance Director, David Keller.

A Golden Eagle in Jail.

The local lodge of K. G. E. at Reedsville, had their treasurer placed behind the bars on the charge of embezzlement of \$3100. Randolph McDonald is the man the lodge had confidence in for fifteen years during which time he was the treasurer without bond. About six weeks ago suspicions were aroused that McDonald was short in his accounts, and later he was arrested.

The lodge treasurer was also agent for the Prudential Life Insurance Company, and handled large sums of money for the company.

After the W. U. T. Co.

State College residents are after the Western Union Telegraph Company again, and are insisting that an office be opened in that borough. The matter has been placed in the hands of the railway commission, and it is claimed facts have been gathered that will show there is sufficient business to warrant an office being opened there.

Telephones in Nittany Valley.

The Nittany Telephone Company has been organized with a view of giving Nittany Valley farmers and others better telephone service. An exchange has been established in Zion, and trunk lines will be run from Zion to Bellefonte, Howard and Lock Haven, connecting with the United Telephone Company.

Notice to Subscribers.

During the first issues of January bills will be mailed to all subscribers to the Reporter who are in arrears. The publisher prefers not to send bills until after the first of the year, as many subscriptions are paid about that time by a large number of patrons. These bills will be enclosed in the regular issue of the paper, such enclosures being permissible under the postoffice ruling.

Keith's Theatre.

There are special features at Keith's Theatre, Philadelphia, this week. The greatest English comedienne ever imported is Alice Lloyd, who heads the bill. Walter C. Kelley, the Philadelphia who has just returned from a triumphal tour of Europe, is on hand with a supply of new material. Two numbers that always elicit a laugh are Monroe and Mack, in a black-face comedy, and the Ellis-Nowlan troupe of acrobatic comedians. Others on the bill are: Billy Court, "That Scotchman," imitator and comedian; Percy Doyle, comedian; Adeline Francis, vocalist; Paulinetti and Piquo, eccentric comedians, and McDevitt and Kelly, dancers. There will be a special children's matinee Christmas morning at 10 o'clock, and at every matinee up to and including Christmas Day, Santa Claus will be present with a gift for every child in the audience.

Ladies' and gent's muffers, C. P. Long's.

The Red Cross Stamp.



The Red Cross stamps are just as appropriate for New Year as Christmas and will fill the same mission on New Year greetings, as on Christmas presents.

The whole scheme is for the benefit of charity. The stamps themselves were printed and prepared by the Engraving Bureau at Washington.

The nickles, the dimes, the dollars used in the purchase of Red Cross Christmas stamps go toward fighting the White Plague, with no commission to any one for selling the stamps.

Cost of Forest Fires.

There was an area of 850,000 acres in Pennsylvania burned over by forest fires during the past year, entailing a cost of \$125,000 for extinguishing the flames, while the damage by fires has not been computed. State Commissioner Robert S. Conklin gives these facts. The state forests destroyed, however, formed but a small portion of this vast total, most of the burned woodland being owned by individuals. Only 30,000 acres of state lands were burned over, or three and three-fourth per cent. of the entire holdings. During the past year 64,566 acres have been added to the state's holdings, making to date \$17,057 acres actually paid for. Commissioner Conklin ascribes the causes of the forest fires to the railroads and incendiaries, the first named, it is estimated, causing forty-one per cent. of them. He believes that while the fire warden act of 1907 is an improvement upon the original act it still retains features which will never prove effective in this state, one of which is making constables ex-officio fire wardens.

Command Not Understood.

An incident that happened at the residence of Dr. F. P. Barker, at Ingleside, emphasizes more than ever the caution to "look well before shooting." Some time ago the doctor's dogs kept up a continuous howling, and armed with a gun the doctor went to see the cause of the trouble, when a man was seen to approach in a stealthy manner. He was commanded to halt, with the threat that if he did not he would be shot, when the man managed to utter something that sounded like "sleep." Dr. Barker then discovered that his "guest" was a foreigner unable to understand the meaning of the phrase "stop, or I'll shoot." The Ike was given quarters for the night, for that was what he was seeking, and after being served a breakfast he went on his way rejoicing, but he will never appreciate how nearly he came to being crippled, or perhaps killed, because he was unable to understand the command, "stop, or I'll shoot."

LOCALS.

The Pink Label will appear the first issue in January.

Headquarters for Christmas post cards, C. P. Long's.

As is its custom the Democratic Watchman came out last week with a pretty Christmas cover.

If you want to read the news from Penn's Valley first-handed you will find it in the Reporter.

It is basely wrong to encourage anyone in pursuits or ambitions that are likely to end in disappointment or worse.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank McClellan, of Philipsburg, are at the homes of their parents for the Christmas season. Mr. McClellan is a railroad man, and has been located at Philipsburg for some time.

Keep in mind that it is an offense of which the law takes notice to encourage another to bring suit. The person who encourages another to get into a law suit is, nine times out of ten, himself nothing more than a trouble maker in the community and would do nothing to relieve the distress of any one.

Not in Centre Hall alone is it that some innocent person has been made to suffer from the practice of throwing snow balls. Here it was Miss Sarah Reish, who was hit in the eye, causing her considerable pain and no little fright. Of course, no harm is intended by the boys who throw the balls, but the injuries inflicted are just as painful as though malice directed the blows.

The first lot of Christmas stamps sold from this office were sent to Germany on Christmas presents mailed by Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Brieblin to their daughter, Mrs. H. J. Boon, in Berlin, Germany. The National American Red Cross Christmas stamps will be sent to every country in the world, and in this way it will be told all peoples what a wonderfully charitable nation this America is.

Christmas Service.

Sunday evening the members of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Sunday School, in Centre Hall, rendered a Christmas service and distributed two hundred or more boxes of candy. The service was "The Messiah," with additions suitable for the little ones. The participants performed their parts very creditably, and the Christmas spirit was present throughout the entire program.

A number that elicited considerable favorable comment was a drill by thirteen girls, who all the while were singing a Christmas song.

After the benediction the members of the school tarried for a half hour, during which time the candies were distributed, and a surprise was sprung on the pastor and Mrs. Bieber, both of whom were presented with gifts. A letter from Santa Claus addressed to Rev. Bieber stated that he was on his way to Centre Hall with a storm overcoat, and to Mrs. Bieber were presented two packages containing gifts from the ladies of the Sunday School, and on opening them were found to be a silk couch cover and cushion.

Celebrated Birthday.

On her sixty-third birthday all the children and with the exception of two, all the grandchildren celebrated the birthday of Mrs. Maria Jordan, at her home at Colyer, Friday of last week. At two o'clock the company of thirty-one sat down to a sumptuous feast, but before and after the occasion was enjoyed by everyone present. Among the guests from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jordan and son Roy, of McConnell, Illinois, and another guest of note was Mrs. Nancy Meiss, who on that day became eighty-three years old. The guests present were: Mrs. Maria Jordan, Mrs. Nancy Meiss, Mr. and Mrs. William Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Richard and children, Leo, Esther, May, Franklin and Hazel Greely Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Jordan and children Floyd and Emily, Mr. and Mrs. Steward Jordan and children Boyd and Andrew, Mrs. Mary Stoner and children Ethel and Marion, Mr. and Mrs. John Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Jordan and son Roy, Helen Bottorf and Robert Boal.

Herman-Keller.

Tuesday morning of last week a quiet but pretty wedding ceremony was solemnized at the St. John's Reformed parsonage, Bellefonte, when W. Waide Herman, of Lemont, and Miss Roxie Keller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Keller, of Houserville, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt, in the presence of a few witnesses. The bride is an accomplished and popular young lady and will make an ideal wife for her chosen husband. The groom is a progressive and energetic young business man of Philipsburg.

Transfer of Real Estate.

Ammon Strayer, et ux., to Susa Smull, Nov. 28, 1908, house and lot in Smulton. \$500.
Margaret B. Holtzworth, et bar., to Harriet L. Turner, Oct. 28, 1908, house and lot in Unionville. \$1500.
Mrs. Jennie M. Alkey, et bar., to Oscar E. Miles, lot No. 3, Nov. 6, 1908, in Boggs twp. \$75.
J. Miles Green to J. Harris Green, March 9, 1908, lot in Milesburg. \$300.
Mary J. Swartz to D. G. Fortney, April 6, 1905, 45 acres, 7 perches in Potters twp. \$2,882 62.
Mary J. Swartz to Ada J. Fortney, April 6, 1905, 16 acres, 1 perch in Potter twp. \$860.
Walter C. Stephen admr. to Jean B. Jenking, Nov. 14, 1908, premises in Philipsburg. \$304.
Israel Weaver to J. H. Reifnyder, three tracts of land, July 23, 1901, in Haines and Miles twp. \$1.
Luther M. Houser, et ux., to Edmund Eisenberg, Nov. 3, 1908, lot in Ferguson twp. \$18.
Chas. H. Foster, et al., to Mrs. Mary E. Martin, lot in College twp, Nov. 14, 1908. \$415.
Mrs. Anna Ward, et al., to Edmund Eisenberg, Nov. 14, 1908, lot in Ferguson twp. \$50.
John R. Strong, et al., to Wm. M. McCormick, Dec. 3, 1908, house in Potters Mills. \$500.
T. E. Jordan, et ux., to George T. Tibbens, April 1, 1908, 120 acres, 134 perches in Spring twp. \$7000.
Jennie H. Holmes, et ux., to Joseph H. Hoy, June 25, 1908, lot in College twp. \$325.
Mary Gilbert, et ux., to Harry M. Miller, June 1, 1908, 68 acres in Miles twp. \$845.
P. D. Gorman, et ux., to Elizabeth Edmiston, Nov. 7, 1908, lot in Rush twp. \$40.
J. D. Barker to Albert Urban, et ux., Nov. 9, 1908, premises in Rush twp. \$2025.
W. Fred Reynolds, et ux., to S. H. Williams, Aug. 22, 1908, lot No. 26 in Reynolds Addition. \$350.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The next issue of the Reporter will appear January 7th.

Rockers suitable for Christmas presents, \$1.39 at C. P. Long's.

Constable W. H. Runkle offers for sale a bull dog that he guarantees to be the real thing.

J. S. McCarger, the Bellefonte insurance man, is now the owner of an automobile. It is a Franklin.

Miss Edith Lytle, of Stormstown, who for some time past has been in ill health, went to White Haven sanitarium for treatment.

Newton Hess, of the Branch, is making preparations to build a dwelling house at State College. He is at present engaged in farming.

Although there will be no paper issued from this office next week, the office will be open for business the same as at all other times.

The weather man began business again Thursday of last week, on which day four inches of snow and sleet fell, which reduced to water equaled seventy-five one hundredth inches.

Commissioner C. A. Weaver was appointed mercantile appraiser in Centre county. Mr. Weaver is well qualified for the position, and the Reporter wishes him the windfall.

Joseph Barnes, of Bellefonte, who for some time past has been in very poor health, Tuesday of last week departed for the White Haven sanitarium, where he expects to undergo treatment.

Mrs. Charlotte H. Harter, of State College, has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Jessie Maude, to Elmer Alexander McGill, of Allegheny. The ceremony will take place Wednesday morning of next week.

After the first of the year Frank Walker will be employed at the Centre Mills flour mills, between Rebersburg and Millheim, operated by John Kline & Son. He expects to divide the time between working in the mill and driving the mill team.

H. J. Lambert, the corrugated-edge shear man, is offering for sale files that will enable anyone to do the work for himself. Call on or write to him for a circular, or mail your shears to him and for twenty-five cents, plus the postage for return of the shears, he will sharpen them for you.

The Star Printing Company, of Barnesboro, has recently purchased the Patton Courier and will in the future publish this paper in connection with the Barnesboro Star. This means that Editor John C. Miller, formerly of Bellefonte, will have two newspapers on his hands in place of one.

From the State College Times it is learned that internal revenue officers have been accumulating evidence against persons in that town who have been handling spirituous liquors in violation of the law. That paper thinks enough evidence has been secured to get some people into a peck of trouble.

The will of the late Dr. William Laurie has been entered for probate. He leaves \$12,000 in cash, \$4000 to his widow, \$5000 to his daughter, Mrs. Mary Gray, \$1000 to his son John, \$1000 to his brother Thomas, and \$1000 to his nephew, J. Malcolm. His library he bequeathed to Lincoln and Park Universities.

Prof. Jonas E. Wagner, principal of the Bellefonte High school, has been selected to present the subject, "Special Work in Agriculture in the General High School," before the High School Department of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association, which convenes at Harrisburg on Monday, December 28th.

Miss Lizzie Boozer, who is a senior at the Central State Normal School; Miss Bess Weber, a student at Bucknell University; Miss Lella Huyett, a Susquehanna University student; Harry F. Burkholder, a senior at Pennsylvania State College; Miss Mary Delinda Potter, who began her first term in the Bellefonte Academy, are at home for the holiday season.

Mrs. William Brown, of Ocooca Mills, Clearfield county, is convinced that second thoughts are best. She was formerly Mrs. John M. Kernan, and lived at Philipsburg, Centre county. Seven years ago her first husband died. After his death she preserved a partly worn pair of his shoes, always reconsidering a decision to throw or give them away. A couple of years ago she married William Brown, and now lives near Ocooca. The other day she hunted up the old shoes for her husband to wear while he went to the store for a new pair. She pulled a piece of cotton from the toe of one of the shoes. Back of the cotton was found two one-dollar bills and a ten-dollar bill.